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Re: STB RSTAC ShipperOpenings

Dear STB:

I am the Logistics Manager for Lucite International and have been involved in rail shipments, primarily chemicals, for the last 17 years. I ship via the CN, NS, KCS and UP railroads with annual outbound shipments of approximately 750 carloads. I am an advocate of rail shipments and believe that mutually agreed improvements need to be made by railroads and shippers so that the rhetoric lessens while volumes grow. Based upon energy consumption, CO2 emissions, highway congestion issues, safety performance and driver shortage issues in road traffic, that railroads play a pivotal role in U.S. transportation efficiency. While I understand that the railroads require capital funding to grow, I also believe that shippers need more transparency in rates. I know that there are solutions that facilitate growth in rail traffic and I am willing to engage time into assisting the STB through active participation in the RSTAC. Hopefully, I will be used by the STB to help facilitate.

If I qualify, I would be interested in one of the openings on the RSTAC.

Sincerely:

Ralph E Alleman

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Procurement Director - Logistics